

I was an "early adopter" of XM Satellite Radio technology. The quality and variety of broadcast radio in the San Francisco area is extremely poor, not only with respect to classical music and jazz but also for more "bread and butter" content, such as news. The advertising on the commercial stations was offensive, at best; and the quality of the public radio frequencies gets lower as the pledge breaks get longer. I used to be able to solve this problem through Palo Alto Cable Co-op, which provided better quality FM signals along with their television channels; but this service was a casualty of the demise of Cable Co-op. When XM launched their service, I decided that it would be worth my while to invest in both the equipment and a subscription to their content; and they are now my primary radio source at both my homes and in my car. Being able to receive traffic reports through XM, without worrying about the surrounding "interference" provided by commercial ration, can be a great benefit when I am on the road between Palo Alto and San Francisco. I do not believe that the National Association of Broadcasters should challenge my efforts to find (and pay for) the content I wish to receive in the manner I wish to receive it. I strongly support XM's efforts and respectfully urge the FCC to reject NAB petition 04-160.